(iii) Use of stimulation techniques for increasing production from existing fields.

(iv) Application of Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR)/Improved Oil Recovery (IOR) techniques for increasing recovery factor from existing fields.

(v) Arresting decline from ageing fields.

Production of LPG at RIL's Refinery at Jamnagar

244. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL) is expected to cut LPG production at its Jamnagar refinery from mid-2008 following the grant of Export-Oriented Unit (EOU) status to the refinery;

(b) if so, what is the expected shortage of LPG in the country thereby;

(c) what are the steps being taken to maintain the availability of LPG for domestic use in the country; and

(d) what is the reason for granting EOU status to this RIL's refinery when the country is facing shortage of LPG?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (c) Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) has informed that following the grant of EOU status to their existing refinery at Jamnagar, there is a plan to reduce LPG production to around 1.6 MMTPA from mid-2008. The deficit between demand and indigenous production of LPG is met through regular imports being done by the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs). Further, with the delicensing of the refinery sector since June 1998, capacity addition is being planned in the country, both by the public and private sector companies to meet the demand for petroleum products, including LPG.

(d) Even though the RIL has been granted EOU status, any export of LPG has to be with the approval of the Government of India.

Purchase of Ethanol from Brazil

245. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be please to State:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bharat Petroleum Ltd., a Public Sector Undertaking of Government has entered MoU for purchase of ethanol from a company in Brazil by name Petroleo Brasilerio;

(b) if so, whether it is not against the basic objective of helping Indian surgarcane farmers; and